

Minutes of Regular Vestry Meeting
Monday, September 15, 2014
Christ Episcopal Church
Woodbury, Minnesota

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ernie Ashcroft.

Present: Rector Ernie Ashcroft, Senior Warden Shannon Erickson, Junior Warden Dan Shoemaker, Clerk Michelle Rebholz; elected vestry members Laura Niedehofler, Catherine Harrington, Sue Vold, David Waletzko, Mary Lee Isely, Randy Pastorius, Jane Pederson, Matt Stiles, Treasurer John Potter

Absent: Greg Guffey

Prayer and study: Ernie led the group in prayer. We then read Matthew Chapter 20 Verses 1-16. We asked ourselves, “What word or phrase struck me?” “What is Jesus saying to me?” and “What is Jesus asking us to do?”

Approval of the agenda: Catherine moved that the agenda be approved; motion seconded and carried.

Approval of vestry minutes: Two corrections were noted: Matt and Laura should have only been listed as absent. Laura moved to approve the minutes as amended.

August Financial Statements: John stated that the anomalies related to the rain garden were resolved in August. He provided a clarification: while the \$8,000 gap in the budget was resolved through additional pledges, there could still be issues if pledges did not come in as planned or if there were unexpected expenses. The Music expense is higher because of a payment to outgoing music staff. The Balance Sheet shows a deficit of \$4,874; however, that is pretty normal and is smaller than in the past years. There were questions about how the balance sheet entries work, such as the flower fund and how it should be reported on financial statements. John stated he would check on the financial statements.

John Shaver: John Shaver has taken a paid part time position at St. Martin’s in Minnetonka Beach. This is a good opportunity for him.

Treasurer Position: John Potter will be treasurer only through the next annual meeting. Vestry members should think about possible candidates in the next 2 weeks and provide names to Ernie.

Dana’s Ordination: Dana cannot be ordained at the end of December because she must take the GOE’s which are only offered in January. Next ordination is June 23, 2015. Ernie discussed the option to have Dana stay on as associate priest with the Bishop, and the Bishop agreed. If that is what the church agrees to, we need to let the rector candidates know.

Calendar Events: Sunday, September 21 there is a 4pm service with a series of speakers. Sunday, October 26th between services there will be a brief all-parish meeting on the budget.

November 16th is the date everyone should bring their pledges in. Friday, September 26th is the date the parking lot will be restriped and blacktop added.

Rector's Roundtable: Dana is doing SafeChurch training Saturday the 20th, with both child and adult training. Child training is 9am-noon and adult is 12:30-2:30. SafeChurch training is needed every 5 years. Each vestry member that needs the training should send Ernie an e-mail; he will compile the list and send to Dana. The Buildings and Grounds committee does not want the downstairs doors turned into windows. This item was tabled until the end of the year.

Consent Agenda: Matt pointed out that Faith Formation needs a chairperson. Mary Lee said the Pastoral Committee does as well. Vestry members need to think about candidates for both of these positions.

Junior Warden's Report: Dan stated he had nothing additional to report.

Senior Warden's Report: Shannon did not have anything additional to report.

Rector's report: Ernie said the Wednesday night service with Chris was a success. Ernie used the opportunity to discuss the transition during his departure. Christ Church is in a great place and will have many good candidates.

Final review: Michelle reviewed our action items and items tabled:

- John will check on the financial statements;
- Vestry members should forward Treasurer candidate names to Ernie;
- Vestry members needing SafeChurch training should e-mail Ernie;
- The decision on the downstairs doors and whether they should be replaced with windows was tabled;
- Vestry members should think about candidates for chairs of the Faith Formation and Pastoral Committees.

Adjournment: The meeting closed at 8:15 pm.
Michelle Rebholz, Clerk

Committee Reports For September 2014 Vestry meeting

Pastoral Care Committee (Mary Lee Isely)

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Faith Formation (Matt Stiles)

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Building and Grounds (Laura Niederhofler)

August

- New AC repaired, leak of Freon prevented cooling. [Second time this has happened.]
- Repairs made on XMark mower - new drive belt, new hydraulic fluid and filter, new rider attachment.
- Weekly mowing continues with hand mowing of newly seeded area between the stairway and the lower walkway.
- Unable to proceed with parking lot maintenance due to cashflow issues.
- Submitted documentation on winter snow plowing bills to MTC for reimbursement.

September

- A check for \$1,100 has been received from the MTC for last winter's snow plowing.
- A new MTC contract with Christ Church being negotiated.
- Got the OK to proceed with parking lot maintenance, crack filling, seal coating and striping is set for Friday, September 26th.
- No action has been taken on the West air lock door. B&G recommends that the broken lower hinge on the north door be replaced and that the doors remain locked, or chained (or both) until needed.

Small Group Ministries (Sue Vold)

None to report.

Communications (Greg Guffey)

Jamie Mair is working on updating content pages of the website.

Welcoming Committee (David Waletzko)

Two newcomer orientations are scheduled for September 17 and 28. Thirteen invitations were mailed to visitors, and we understand that four families are definitely interested. There are also nine families who have attended orientation but have not been received as members of Christ Church. However, we understand that five of these expect to join.

As always, please make note of those who miss several Sundays, and give them a call to let them know they have been missed. Should you learn that there is a need or a concern, please let Ernie, Dana, or Shannon Erickson know.

Stewardship Committee (Randy Pastorius)

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Outreach Committee (Catherine Harrington)

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